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Sir:

This is a request for filing a divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(b), of pending prior application:

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BONE SUTURING DEVICE

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1. Enclosed is a copy of the latest inventor-signed prior specification, including the oath or declaration as originally filed. I hereby verify that the papers are a true copy of the latest signed prior specification in application number 09/476,682, filed December 30, 1999, and further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statement and the like are made punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United Stated Code and that such willful statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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2. The preliminary amendment is enclosed.
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7. Amend the specification:

Preliminary to examination of this application please amend the first paragraph of the specification to include:

--Related Application Information

This application is a divisional application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No.: 09/476,682, filed on December 30, 1999, which claims priority of foreign Israeli application No. 130307, filed on June 4, 1999, the contents of which are herein incorporated--

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